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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, and the Notice of Non-Eesponsive Amendment dated February 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 12, 18 and 26.

2. : (once amended) A method in accordance with Claim 31 wherein the particular number x has a binary exponent e in addition to the binary mantissa m;

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